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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68143

Susumu MARUO , et al.

Appln. No.: 10/031,409

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 2146

Examiner: Humera N. Sheikh

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: OINTMENT APPLICATOR AND OINTMENT PATCH USING THE SAME

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for the third month, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2003 to January 8, 2004. The fee for the first and second extensions of time were previously paid at the time of filing the December 8, 2003 Amendment.

A check for the statutory fee of \$530.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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